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Contact: Clint W. Sabin, 309/556-3181

Event: Poet and performer Steve Coleman

Date: Nov. 17 (Friday)

Time: 8 p.m.

Location: Main Lounge of Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University Ave., Bloomington

Admission: Free, open to the public

Background: Steve Coleman is an award-winning poet, spoken word performer and activist. Coleman has been entertaining audiences since 1996 with slam poetry, an aggressive form of stand-up poetry.

He was a member of the 1998 national championship Nuyorican Poets Café Slam Team. He also was named the Fresh Poet of 1999 by the Nuyorican Poets Café, and runner-up in the Nuyorican Grand Slam Finals. The Nuyorican Poets Café is a stage in New York City that specializes in fresh artists.

Coleman is a poet-in-residence on TV-411, a PBS series focusing on adult literacy, and was profiled on CNN's "Entertainment Weekly" as part of a feature story on slam poetry. He is currently editing an anthology and CD sampler on hip-hop poetry from the Nuyorican Poet's Café.

Coleman is brought to IWU by "The Underground," which is a series of guests that specialize in unusual entertainment.

Contact: For more information contact Kevin Clark, coordinator of "The Underground," at 309/556-3850.

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